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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMENDMENT CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER AT THE SPECIAL (INFORMAL) MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES HELD IN NEW YORK ON 10 AUGUST 1993

I have the honour to submit to you a document containing the concluding statement of the President of the Amendment Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water at the Special (Informal) Meeting of the States Parties, New York, 10 August 1993.

It would be highly appreciated, if you could take the necessary steps to include this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and at the same time to make it available to all member and non-member States, participating in the Conference on Disarmament.

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CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMENDMENT CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER AT THE SPECIAL (INFORMAL) MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES NEW YORK, 10 AUGUST 1993

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/46, a Special Meeting of the States Parties to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water was held on 10 August 1993. There was a general exchange of views on the developments regarding the issue of nuclear testing and the Parties considered the feasibility of resuming the work of the Amendment Conference.

2. The Special Meeting welcomed the encouraging developments concerning nuclear testing, in particular the de facto moratoria of nuclear tests declared by some nuclear states and their commitment to work expeditiously towards achieving a comprehensive test ban.

3. The Special Meeting further welcomed the decision of the Conference on Disarmament to give its Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban a mandate to negotiate a comprehensive test ban.

4. The urgency for achieving a comprehensive test ban as well as the need for an expeditious means to realize this objective was emphasized by the Special Meeting.

5. The Special Meeting directed its attention to the fact that the consideration on a comprehensive test ban has been underway on three tracks, namely in the Conference on Disarmament, in the Amendment Conference and in the consultations among the nuclear powers. While some delegations expressed their own preference as to the forum in which a comprehensive test ban should be pursued, there was a general consensus that the work on a comprehensive test ban in the different forums, and especially between the Amendment

Conference and the Conference on Disarmament (CD) should be mutually supportive and mutually complementary.

6. There was also a broad consensus among the States Parties that the President of the Amendment Conference should continue his consultations with the States Parties as well as States not parties to the PTBT and to hold another Special Meeting early in 1994 in order to review developments and assess the situation regarding a comprehensive nuclear test ban and to examine the feasibility of resuming the work of the Amendment Conference later that year. In this connection it was recalled that pursuant to the decision of the Amendment Conference, further work needed to be undertaken especially that with regard to verification of compliance and possible sanctions against non-compliance.

7. In order to promote universality of a comprehensive test ban, the Special Meeting considered it essential that in pursuing his efforts, the President of the Amendment Conference closely liaise with the Conference on Disarmament and with the five nuclear powers.

8. The Special Meeting agreed that the elements of consensus emerging from this meeting could be used as the basis for formulating a draft resolution on the Amendment Conference in the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.